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MINUTES

OF THE

Sunflower Baptist Association,

AT ITS

Regular Annual Session,

HELD WITH

LULA BAPTIST CHURCH,

October 3rd, 1905.

OFFICERS.

C. H. MIZE, Moderator, Sumner, Miss.
G. S SHUFORD, Clerk, Lyon, Miss.
G. R. CALDWELL, Treasurer, Lula, Miss.

Place of Next Meeting: Gunnison Church.

Time: Tuesday after the first Lord's day in September, A. D. 1906, at 3 p. m.

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R. C. BLAILOCK, J. E. BARNETT,
Dr. H. S. COX, W. W. FERGUSON.

Pastors Residing in the Association.

J. R. G. Hewlet, Belen.
J. S. Howard.
J. E. Barnett, Clarksdale.
Dr. H. S. Cox, Shelby.
C. H. Mize, Sumner.
R. C. Blailock, Gunnison.
*E. B. Smith, Sumner.
*H. A. Ferguson, Sumner.
*A. P. Copeland, Alligator Lake.

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J. P. White, Murphreesboro, Tenn.

Licensed.

*S. S. Smith, Sumner.

*Have no charge.

Proceedings.

THE SUNFLOWER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION having been called by its Executive Board to convene at Lula, Miss., with Lula Baptist church, on Tuesday, October 3, A. D. 1905, having failed to meet at its regular time on account of the strict quarantine regulations, quite a number of messengers and a few ministers from the churches arrived at Lula on the evening train north, and were met at the depot by the committee to assign homes to all who came. This being too late to convene and attend to any work, there was nothing done until 7:30 p. m., when the Messengers and the people of Lula were assembled to hear a sermon. After having sung some songs of praise and prayer, Bro. C. H. Mize, the pastor and Moderator of the Association, announced that Bro. D. H. S. Cox would preach. Bro. Cox took for his text Romans, 7:9: "Sin revived and I died." Theme: Conviction of sin. I believe every one was pleased with the sermon. Bro. C. H. Mize then announced that the Association would convene promptly at 9:30 to-morrow to organize and begin the work of the Association.

WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A. M.

The Messengers from the churches of the Sunflower Association and the people of Lula were assembled at the appointed hour in the new and beautiful church house, to begin the work of the Association.

At the request of the Moderator, C. H. Mize, Bro. T. S. Shuford conducted the opening exercises. Read the 23rd division of the Psalms. Prayer by Bro. J. E. Barnett.

The Moderator then appointed Bro. J. R. G. Hewlet to read the letters from the churches.

Church letters were called for.

Shelby—D. H. S. Cox, pastor; Dr. A. P. Rose,* E. J. Wooten.*

Enon—Bro. C. Denton,* E. B. Smith, J. W. Bradsher,* F. E. Sumner,* W. W. Ferguson, J. H. May,* C. H. Mize, pastor. Alternates: Bro. Otto Jernsberg, Sister Jernsberg,* C. H. Sumner* and Miss Robbie Mize.*

Belen—Bro. J. M. Christman,* Sisters S. L. Denton,* F. H. Fitzgerald,* J. R. G. Hewlet, and Bro. J. R. G. Hewlet, pastor.

Ebenezer—B. F. Latham.

Clarksdale—Brethren L. E. Broadus,* —. —. Champlin,* Sisters Annie Mangham, H. W. McKay,* J. E. Barnett, pastor, and Sister J. E. Barnett.

Lyon—Sisters L. E. Bobo,* Sue M. Lowry,* Miss Gertrude Butler, and Brethren T. S. Shuford and Daniel Gardner.

Lula—Brethren J. A. Barbee, G. R. Caldwell, R. H. Hazen,* R. H. Hazen* and B. F. Edwards. Alternates: Sisters W. F. Raney, G. R. Perryman, J. J. Dillard, M. E. Dew and J. H. Magee.

Oak Ridge—Brethren J. M. Baber, Gus Maynard, A. G. Harvey*, Sister Addie Maynard,* W. D. Corley, J. C. Corley,* Ethel Corley* and Edith Corley.*

Bogue Phalia—Letter only.

Gunnison—Letter only. (R. C. Blailock.

Drew—Letter. No messenger.

Jonestown—Sister Barger.

The following churches were not represented: Friar's Point, McLemore, Refuge, Rosedale.

At the conclusion of the reading of the letters the Moderator, C. H. Mize, announced that the Association was for permanent organization.

Upon motion of Bro. D. H. S. Cox, that the rules be suspended, and that Bro. J. E. Barnett be allowed to cast the vote of the Association for Moderator, the vote was cast for C. H. Mize for Moderator. The rules of the Association were suspended, and the vote for Clerk and Treasurer was cast in the same manner for T. S. Shuford, Clerk; for G. R. Caldwell, Treasurer.

Dr. A. P. Rose, who had been the Clerk of the Association for some years, was absent on account of having a very sick child at home, and while the Association was waiting for paper, etc., at the suggestion of Bro. D. H. S. Cox (pastor at Shelby), that the Association spend a short time in prayer for Bro. Rose and family and the sick child, and for others in like condition, there being one in a home near the church, Bro. Cox was requested to lead the prayer, which he did very earnestly.

A petitionary letter from Lambert church was read by the Clerk,

*Has no charge.

and, upon motion, was received as a member of this body. The Moderator, on behalf of the Association, extended to Sister Addie Rose and Sister M. F. Shields, the Messengers, the right hand of fellowship and welcome.

The Moderator appointed as the Finance Committee, W. W. Ferguson and J. M. Baker.

The following named persons were appointed by the Moderator to write on the subjects named below, to take the place of absent committees:

On Foreign Missions—Bro. J. R. G. Hewlet.

On State Missions—Bro. E. B. Smith.

On Ministerial Education—Sister J. E. Barnett.

On Sunday Schools—Bro. J. M. Baker.

Publications—Sister Addie Rose.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—G. R. Caldwell, J. E. Barnett and Bro. C. H. Mize, pastor of the church.

Upon motion, it was agreed that this committee make report on the time and place of next meeting of this Association; also to name the Executive Committee of this body.

The Moderator having noticed the presence of Bro. R. G. Porter, the pastor of the Methodist church at this place, in behalf of the Association invited him to a seat in this body and extended the privilege to take part in the discussion of the reports to be read and discussed.

This being near the hour for the introductory sermon, the Association was adjourned for a short time; was dismissed by prayer, Bro. R. G. Porter leading.

It now being 11 o'clock, the congregation assembled to hear the introductory sermon by Elder J. E. Barnett. The services began by sining "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" and prayer by Bro. C. H. Mize, and then the hymn, "Just as I Am," was sung. The Moderator then announced that Bro. Barnett would preach.

Bro. J. E. Barnett read from the Scripture Gospel by John, 3rd chapter, beginning at the 14th verse, and a portion of the 10th chapter of Romans, and the congregation was led in prayer by Bro. E. B. Smith. Bro. Barnett then read the text, II Kings, 7:9: "We do not well; this day is a day of good tiding," etc. He preached a fine sermon on Missions.

The congregation was dismissed by prayer from Bro. G. S. Shuford.

WEDNESDAY—Evening Session.

The Association reassembled at 2:30 p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, C. H. Mize, reading the 72nd division of the Psalms, and prayer.

The Moderator then declared the body ready for business, and called for reports.

The report on Mississippi College, by Bro. D. H. S. Cox, was read and discussed by the writer, D. H. S. Cox, Bro. J. R. G. Hewlet, Bro. J. E. Barnett and Bro. G. R. Porter, Methodist pastor at this place. Upon motion, it was adopted as read. (See Appendix A for report.)

The report on Ministerial Education, by Sister J. E. Barnett, was read and discussed by Brethren Hewlet, D. H. S. Cox and J. E. Barnett. Upon motion, the report as read was adopted. (See Appendix B.)

A motion was made and carried that to-morrow at 10 o'clock be the special hour for hearing the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Report on Publications, by Sister Addie Rose. A motion to adopt was made and discussed by Bro. J. M. Baker and D. H. S. Cox (Bro. Cox was called to the chair); and Bro. C. H. Mize, the Moderator, spoke in the interest of the State paper, The Baptist. Bro. R. G. Porter also spoke on this report. Report as read was adopted. (See Appendix C for report.)

On motion of Bro. J. R. G. Hewlet, that the time of meeting and adjournment of this body be as follows: Meet at 9:30 a. m., adjourn at 12 m.; meet at 2:30 p. m., adjourn at 5 p. m.; meet at 7:30 p. m., adjourn at pleasure. Motion adopted.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises announced that Bro. J. R. G. Hewlet would preach at 7:30 p. m.

The Association adjourned to meet at night for preaching. Dismissed by prayer.

The congregation assembled at the appointed hour, 7:30, for preaching. Some of the gospel songs were sung by the choir and congregation. Bro. J. M. Baber led in prayer. Bro. J. R. G. Hewlet read from the Scripture I Corinthians, 10th chap., and took for his text the last clause of the 20th verse: "I would not that ye have fellowship with the devils." He preached a most excellent sermon, showing that there

is a personal devil, as there is a personal God, and that both could not be served or worshiped at the same time. At the conclusion a hymn was sung, and benediction was pronounced by Bro. J. E. Barnett.

A request was made that 2:45 p. m. to-morrow be made the special hour for the report on Woman's Work to be read and discussed.

THURSDAY—Morning Session.

The Association assembled at the appointed hour, 9:30 a. m., to continue the business of the Association.

The Moderator called on Bro. E. B. Smith to conduct the devotional services. The song, "Rock of Ages," was sung by the choir and congregation. Bro. E. B. Smith read from the Scripture the 51st division of the Psalms, and led the prayer. Then the song, "We Are Marching to Zion," was sung.

The Moderator then announced the body ready for business.

The minutes of the session up to this hour were read, approved and adopted.

At 10:30, this being the special hour set to hear the reports on Foreign, Home and State Missions read, the three reports were read in the order above given—Foreign Missions by J. R. G. Hewlet, Home Missions by J. E. Barnett, State Missions by E. B. Smith, and were discussed. First by J. R. G. Hewlet, who very ably discussed the subject. A map was hanging on the wall just behind the pulpit, and Bro. Hewlet pointed out the vast country that have not the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the need of money and men to carry the gospel to them, to carry out the commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even until the end of the world."

Bro. J. E. Barnett spoke to his report on Home Missions. The Moderator called Bro. Hewlet to the chair, and he (the Moderator) also discussed the above subjects, and R. G. Porter, the pastor of the Methodist church at this place, also discussed the above subjects at some length, showing his interest in missions and the necessity of having the gospel preached to all nations.

Bro. J. E. Barnett then discussed the report on State Missions, and in his talk brought out an important field that should be cultivated, along the line of railroad running from Tutwiler to Lake Comorant, where the Baptists have the chance to save some very important lots that have been given on which to build, the time being limited in which to do the work.

The church at Lambert needed help. Sister Rose, one of the Messengers from that place, was trying to raise means to build a pastor's home at that point. A cash collection was taken for this purpose and $8.75 collected.

The reports as read were adopted. (See Appendices D, E, F for reports.)

The Association then adjourned to meet at 2:30, to finish the work of the Association.

THURSDAY—Evening Session.

The Association reassembled at this hour, 2:30, to complete its work. J. R. G. Hewlet conducted the devotional services. Opened by singing the hymn, "I Am Thine, O Lord." He read from the Scripture Revelations, 22nd chapter. Prayer by J. E. Barnett.

The Moderator announced that J. E. Barnett would preach at 7:30 to-night.

The report on Woman's Work, by Sister G. R. Caldwell, was read by her husband; and, in connection with this report, the report of the Vice-President of the W. O. M. U. and Ladies' Aid Societies of this Association, Sister Annie Mangham, was read by J. E. Barnett, Sister Mangham being absent.

The Moderator called Bro. Caldwell to the chair and made a motion that this report be embodied in the Minutes of the Association. He then spoke to the report on Woman's Work. J. M. Baker also made an interesting talk on this subject. J. E. Barnett and J. R. G. Hewlet also spoke some encouraging words on this subject.

Reports as read were adopted. (See Appendices G and H for reports.)

The report on Sunday Schools, by J. M. Baber, was then read and discussed by himself and J. R. G. Hewlet.

Report as read was adopted. (See Appendix I for report.)

The report on Sustentation, by G. R. Caldwell, was read by him and discussed J. E. Barnett and G. R. Caldwell. The Moderator asked Brother Caldwell to take the chair and he (the Moderator) also spoke to this report; also J. M. Baber.

Report as read was adopted. (See Appendix J for report.)

The report on Orphanage, writien by Sister Annie Mangham, was read by J. E. Barnett and discussed by J. M. Baber and C. H. Mize (Bro. Caldwell occupying the chair). (See Appendix K for report.)

A motion was then made by J. Barnett, which was carried, that the Temperance report, as found in the Minutes of the State Convention, be embodied in the Minutes of this Association. (See Appendix L for report.)

R. C. Blailock was elected to represent this Association at the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention; alternate, J. E. Barnett.

Messengers from this Association to the State Convention: Brethren C. H. Mize, J. R. Ferris, Clarksdale; J. M. Baber, Ferrill; Mrs. Tulley, Clarksdale; Miss Gertrude Butler, Lyon.

The following motion was made by J. R. G. Hewlet and carried:

That C. H. Mize, our Moderator, be requested to act as the representative of this body, to place the needs and destitution of this Association before the State Convention in an intelligent manner.

The following was offered by J. E. Barnett, and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and the same are hereby tendered to the pastor and members of this church, and to the good people of this town and community, for the kind and hospitable manner in whtch they have entertained this Association.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

Received for Minutes and Clerk	$ 45 55
Received for State Missions	5 00
Received for Sustentation	5 00

Disbursements.

Paid for Clerk and Minutes	$ 44 55	
Paid to A. V. Rowe, State Missions	5 00	
Paid to A. V. Rowe, Sustentation	5 00	
	$ 55 55	$ 55 55

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. CALDWELL, Treasurer.

Report received and adopted.

The Association now having completed its work, except the reading of the minutes and the closing exercises, upon motion, adjourned to meet at 7:30 to complete its work and to hear a sermon by J. E. Barnett. At the appointed hour the Association and a houseful of people assembled to hear the sermon. The services were opened by singing the hymn, "I Gave My Life for Thee." Prayer by the Moderator.

A motion was made and carried to suspend the reading of the minutes, leaving it with the Clerk to have them correct.

The following appointments were then made, and, on motion, adopted:

That the next meeting of the Sunflower Baptist Association be with the Gunnison Baptist church, Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, A. D. 1906, at 3 p. m.

Associational sermon by Bro. J. R. G. Hewlet; alternate, Bro. D. N. S. Cox.

Members of Executive Board: C. H. Mize, T. S. Shuford, G. R. Caldwell, D. H. S. Cox, R. C. Blailock, W. W. Ferguson, J. E. Barnett.

The following standing committees were appointed by the Moderator, and subjects to be written upon at the next meeting of this Association:

Foreign Missions—J. E. Barnett.
Home Missions—R. C. Blailock.
State Missions—J. R. G. Hewlet.
Ministerial Education—D. H. S. Cox.
Sustentation—J. M. Baber.
Sunday School—T. S. Shuford.
Mississippi College—J. P. White.

Publications—S. W. Brashears.
Orphanage—Dr. A. P. Rose.
Woman's Work—Mrs. Annie Mangham.

The hymn, "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," was sung by the choir and congregation.

Bro. J. E. Barnett then read from the Scripture the 53rd chapter of Isaiah and Bro. J. R. G. Hewlet led in prayer.

The song. "Stand Up for Jesus," was sung, and Bro. Barnett took for his text John, 13:34. "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." The sermon was splendid and soul-stirring. The hearts of the people were reached with this sermon on LOVE.

At the close of this sermon Bro. Mize, the pastor of the church at this place, gave opportunity for any one present who wished to unite with the church, either by experience and baptism or by letter, to do so. Two ladies presented themselves. One of them desired to be placed under the watch care of the church until she could secure a letter from her church, and the other one related her experience; having found the Savior, desired to follow him in baptism.

The song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," was sung, and the hand of Christian fellowship extended to the two uniting with the church, thus bidding each other farewell. Benediction by Bro. J. E. Barnett.

Announcement was made that the young lady would be baptized the next morning at 10 o'clock, at Moon lake, a short distance from Lula. A few people from Lula and some of the messengers, who came on their way home, assembled at the lake (such a beautiful body of water) and witnessed the burial by baptism of the young lady, whose name we cannot recall. The two ladies were sisters.

Thus ended the meeting of the Sunflower Association at Lula.

C. H. MIZE, Moderator.

T. S. SHUFORD, Clerk.

Our Dead.

ENON CHURCH.

Bro. Sim Partrich.

Bro. Tyson Denton.

SHELBY CHURCH.

Deacon M. L. Ming.

Bro. W. W. Bunting.

Bro. Watt. Humphreys.

EBENEZER CHURCH.

Bro. W. M. Moore.

Bro. T. W. Tenington.

Sister Mattie Smith.

LYON CHURCH.

Sister Bettie Stacy.

Bro. J. B. Killebrew, Sr.

APPENDICES.

Appendix A—Mississippi College.

As we turn the pages backward and read the history of Mississippi College, we are struck with admiration at the marvelous development that has been made on all the lines these years. But the march of progress must not be halted. The men who have stood at the helm are few in number and poor in worldly possessions, but they have a mighty conviction in the eternal truth of the principles upon which the college is founded; and they have an unselfish purpose in maintaining them. As Baptists we have a right to feel proud of the college, not because it has inspired and molded, to a great extent, public education, and has put a vast force into the mental development of the population of our State, but because we can see the elevation of individual affection to a nobler unfolding of love toward God. The college has a far-reaching influence in its operations, through its effects on education, through its elevation of individual character, through its influence on legislation, through its inspiring and bringing together the Baptists of the State.

After all some one may ask, "What have we as Baptists, as fellow-citizens of this State, gotten out of the college?" We may rejoice in many things which have come into our denominational life, and into the hearts of this great State of ours, through the influence of Mississippi College.

The report of the Trustees of the college, taken from the State Convention Minutes for the year 1905, has this to say about the college and its work:

"The President and professors report the best work and the best behavior on the part of the student body that they have ever known in the history of the institution.

"The number of students reached 376, which was the largest enrollment by 43 that the college has ever had in a session.

"The fourth year of the endowment period closed July 1st. The amount collected during the year, over and above expenses, is $10,565.61. The amount collected during the four years, over and above the expense of collecting, is $46,317.31. This amount is more than sufficient to secure the final balance of the $14,550 conditionally pledged by the American Baptist Educational Society. There are still on hand endowment notes due on or before the 1st of next January amounting to more than $12,000.

"The cash endowment has now reached $100,000.

"We announce with much pleasure and gratitude that the widow and children of the lamented and beloved Z. D. Jennings have offered a donation of $20,000 to erect a building for the college as a memorial to the great man whose name they bear.

"We are pleased, also, to announce that the General Education Board, located in New York City, has made us a conditional pledge of $25,000 for a Science building. The condition is that by Dec. 31, 1906, we shall raise $75,000 in cash and legal pledges, to be collected in five year and expended in the erection and equipment of other buildings. Subject to the approval of this Convention the Board has accepted this offer, and has asked the President of the College to devote his time for the next year to the raising of the $75,000. The Board has elected Dr. J. W. Provine to act as President during the next session, in order that President Lowrey may be unhampered in this important work."

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. S. Cox, Committee.

Appendix B—Ministerial Education.

The question of an educated ministry has long been discussed among our people. The amount of training that is necessary to the best usefulness of a minister is not easily attained.

We know that some training is necessary. A man can not teach what he does not know. Our people have recognized this fact, and are giving large attention to this interest.

Many of the young men whom God calls into the ministry are poor, and have not the means to provide for themselves the education necessary. Last year thirty-one young ministers were assisted at Mississippi College.

It is your committee's opinion that we can not contribute to a more worthy cause. In giving to Ministerial Education we give to both Home and Foreign Missions, as the men we help preach all over the world.

We can not go ourselves, but we can, by helping to educate the ministry, send men to preach to all heathen nations.

Your committee thinks it a *privilege*, as well as a duty, to lend a helping hand to the men of God who are struggling to better prepare themselves for the ministry. We most heartily recommend that the churches of the Sunflower Association fall in line in this work.

Next to the ministerial work at Mississippi College we would recommend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where young ministers have the very best training in preparing themselves for their life's work.

Your committee feels that words are inadequate to express the importance of this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Annie Steen Barnett.

Appendix C—Publications.

This report, like others of equal importance, has become an old song. As we view the situation, we do not need more publications, but better

ones, and a greater desire for information on the part of our people. We are too ignorant with reference to the workings of our denomination.

The leaders of religious work should bestir themselves to greater effort to get the people to read more, realizing the fact that the reading people are the thinking people—and the thinking people are the ones to bring things to pass. We need, therefore, to look well to the character of the books and papers we recommend. It is better not to read at all than to read hurtful literature. Books and papers become the companions of the reader. The question is, "How are we to get our people interested in religious literature"? The Bible is the book.

Our pastors and Sunday school superintendents should urge our people to take and read our beloved State paper, The Baptist. While we do not claim The Baptist to be the best paper in the South, it is as good as the average; and we Mississippi Baptists can not afford to be without it. The Western Recorder, The Expositor and Journal, The Foreign Mission Journal, the Sunday School literature published at Nashville, Kind Words and Our Boys and Girls should be in every Sunday school, and the children influenced to read them.

In helping the paper we help ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) ADDIE ROSE.

Appendix D—Foreign Missions.

The word "home" is loved by all who have been thrilled with the more noble sentiments of life. While the term "foreign," in most instances, is looked upon with a degree of skepticism or prejudice, yet the ultimate aim of the gospel is "unto the utmost parts of the earth."

Your committee is gratified to see the constant progress of our work on "foreign shores," but feels the stern need of an immediate supplement of efficient laborers. Southern Baptists gave last year $283,415.88 for this work, which is less than the estate of single families in Baptist ranks, and received the reflex influence in the burial of 2,231 souls with Christ by baptism. Single fields witnessed more baptisms last year than all foreign fields combined a few years ago.

Our Foreign Mission Board, under the guiding power of the Holy Spirit, has recently sent fifty new workers to the front, making less than 200 men and women who are dependent upon us for support while they break the bread of life to those who know not our blessed Redeemer. This number does not include native helpers.

The work of this Board is planted on a basis of $1,000 per day or more. Last year Mississippi Baptists gave the small sum of $21,000 to this work. This year we are asked for $27,000, or support the work for twenty-seven days during the year, which is a meager part for a people blessed as we are.

Your committee earnestly recommends that this Association make a strong effort to support this work for one day, which is less than $21 per capita for our membership. Brethren, we can do this. Will we undertake it? Bring in the "whole tithe," and it will be easy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. G. HEWLETT.

Appendix E—Home Missions.

It gives us pleasure to note the enlarged work of the Home Board. We gave last year to this work $12,147.31 more than we gave the previous year. God gave us 20,000 souls in answer to this work. The progress is gratifying; but, when we look at the needs of this field, we have done little to meet its pressing demands. There is destitution in every part of the field occupied by this Home Board. In all our fast-growing cities this need is apparent. The great influx of foreign population is making heavy demands on us. This Board has asked for $250,000 to meet this interest. Our State is asked for $18,000 of this amount. We can easily give this amount. With more than a hundred thousand white Baptists in the State, a very small contribution from each one would make this sum.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BARNETT.

Appendix F—State Missions.

We believe that there is no more important work we Delta people could be engaged in at the present time than the work of State Missions, though all mission work is an important work of God. We Baptist people here in the Delta can look out and see the field that is "already white to the harvest." For this reason your committee would recommend that every Baptist, and every child of God in this great country, exert every effort in their power to preach the gospel to all the people in the Delta, and to read the reports made by our faithful Secretary of the State Mission Board. We would further recommend that the Executive Board should either appoint or recommend a man who is full of the Holy Spirit to carry the message of salvation to all who are deprived of having the gospel preached to them.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. SMITH.

Appendix G—Woman's Work.

"Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates."—*Proverbs, 31:30-31.*

No line of our Christian work has shown greater progress than that of our noble, consecrated Christian women. The fact is shown by the report in the Minutes of our State Convention that they have done more in the past year than in any previous one. Besides having given liberally to the various mission calls, such as Orphanage support, Sustentation for our aged pastors, erection of churches both at home and surrounding communities. They have helped also to build two chapels, one in Cuba and one in Brazil, and thoughtfully sent boxes containing things indispensable to our ill-paid frontier missionaries. And the report shows that the Home Board has asked that they assume full charge of this box-work. Their contributions for the past year show an increase of nearly 25 per cent. over the previous year, and eight times as much as they were seventeen years ago. Your committee would urge still further enlargement of the work, and an advance of at least 25 per cent. more for the ensuing year. We must advance as new and destitute fields are being opened up. The men have done well, and we praise them for their deeds of valor; but here we women must step in, with our woman's rights, and claim our part and do it in this great work for the cause of our blessed Master.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. R. CALDWELL.

Appendix H—Vice-President of Ladies' Aid Society and W. O. M. U.

Tracts mailed	295
Envelopes	150
Letters written	65
Cost of stationary and stamps	$ 2 20

Received reports from only three churches—Clarksdale, Lyon and Shelby.

CLARKSDALE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

President—Mrs. Jessie Durham.

Secretary—Mrs. Annie Mangham.

First quarter ending December 31. Receipts.....$ 236 35

Disbursements.

Missions	$ 10 00
Box to Orphanage	20 00
Church debt	206 30
Insurance	80 00
Pastor's salary	18 00
Foreign missions	4 82
State missions	9 07
Fixing windows	18 75
To charity	2 50
Total	$ 369 44

SHELBY WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

President—Mrs. G. W. Humphreys.
Secretary—Mrs. M. Cox.

Receipts for associational year	$ 154 55
Disbursements.	
Repairing pastor's home	$ 54 21
Paid pastor's expenses to Southern Baptist Con	45 00
Paid for three pulpit chairs	35 00

LYON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Report for the associational year.

Paid on church debt	$ 97 00

President—Mrs. Kate Butler.
Secretary—Miss Bettie Shuford.

GUNNISON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

President—Mrs. R. C. Blailock.
Secretary, Mrs. C. L. Catching.

Receipts for associational year	$ 45 17
Paid on building and repairs	45 17

LULA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

President—Mrs. G. D. Morrow.
Secretary—Mrs. J. J. Dillard.

Receipts	$ 309 00
Furnishing and repairing church, and books	309 00
Grand total	$ 954 92

MRS. ANNIE MANGHAM, Vice-President.

Appendix 1—Sunday Schools.

Your committee begs to report that more than one hundred years ago Robert Raikes organized the first systematic Sunday school that we know of. Since that time our new system of teaching God's Word has been in use. The Sunday school as taught to-day is the teaching department of the church of our blessed Lord and Master, and, well enough, it is the grandest factor for good to the young of our day. The main object is to impress the young minds of our children with the importance of learning God's Word by heart, and being able to give chapter and verse, where found, when they learn or quote it. "God's Word is perfect," converting the soul, and how necessary it is to teach it to the young.

We have in our Association seventeen churches, and all but four have Sunday schools. There is about one-sixth of our population in Sunday schools—say twelve million in the United States.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" can best be impressed on the young.

Your committee recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention series be used.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BABER.

Appendix J — Sustentation

We have no work on our hands that should appeal to us more tenderly and forcibly than that of caring for our aged and disabled preachers. We ought to esteem it a joy and a great privilege to give unto their support when old age comes and their strength is on the wane. There are perhaps not more than one in a hundred preachers who ever get, in a pecuniary way, more out of the ministry than a bare living, and often, to our shame, not so much even as that. Men of godliness do not go into the ministry for the purpose of making money. How, then, are they to lay in store against their declining years?

Brethren, do let us be up and ready, with our hearts and purses open, and give liberally and gladly to the cause of Sustentation, that these faithful soldiers of the cross of Jesus Christ may be fed and clothed and warmed this winter—they who have done such heroic service in planting the kingdom of Christ in our lands, thus making it easier and more pleasant in which to live. Pastors, your committee would urge that your churches are reminded of their duty in this matter, pressing home to their hearts the words of our Savior: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye did it also unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. CALDWELL.

Appendix K—Orphans' Home.

No feature of our work appeals to the people of Mississippi more than the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson. Its growth and its success have been phenomenal. From the beginning it has been a success in every way. Homeless children have been cared for by noble Christian men and women. They are being educated possibly better, in some instances, than if their parents had lived. They are being raised by the Christian people in charge of the Orphanage, who have learned the beautiful lessons of brotherly love, to be practical, useful Christian citizens.

In the past year there has been an annex added to the Orphanage, the cost of which was $25,000. It is furnished complete, and is now occupied by the little ones. It is the handsomest structure of its kind in the State of Mississippi. Not only has it architectural beauty, but was built for comfort as well. It has a debt of $6,500. This should appeal to every

Baptist in the State, and New Year's Day should find this amount paid.

There are now one hundred children in the Orphanage, who are to be cared for through the winter, and all noble Christians will wish to add to their comfort and good cheer.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ANNIE MANGHAM.

Appendix L — Temperance.

"We, the committee appointed to prepare an utterance on the temperance question for this Convention, representing more than 100,000 white Baptists of Mississippi, submit the following report:

"First. We believe in the absolute prohibition of the dram shop, and do not believe that Baptists or any other Christians have the right to make compromise with so iniquitous a business, or to give up the fight against it until every nation has outlawed the liquor trade as effectually as the nations have outlawed slave trade.

"No form of government—Municipal, County, State or National—has any right to legalize a business so productive of suffering and crime.

"Second. We believe that the great needs in our State to-day are the vigorous enforcement of the laws we have, and the passage and enforcement of some law to prevent the jug trade and order business, so disgracefully prevalent in many places.

"Third. We need more temperance teaching in our homes, and more temperance discipline in our churches.

"Fourth. We believe our people ought to either quit praying 'Thy kingdom come,' or to vote as they pray. Let us vote for legislative officers who can be depended on to favor the passage of wholesome laws on this subject, and for judicial officers who will honestly enforce the laws.

"Finally. Let the private citizen stand by the officer who is inclined to enforce the law, and get vigorously behind the officer who is not so inclined.

Respectfully submitted,

"B. G. LOWREY,
"M. J. DERRICK,
"C. H. MIZE,
"D. J. MILEY,
"Committee."

(The above report was made at the State Baptist Convention at its last session, at Tupelo, Miss.)

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

2. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the delegates present, by private ballot.

3. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order; but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but shall not vote unless his vote is necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak, he shall call on some brother to take the chair.

5. All questions brought before the association shall be introduced by motion, and, if seconded, shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and, if a call for a division shall be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

6. Any member desiring to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member will be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or makes a personal reflection.

7. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and the Association.

9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

10. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used by members in addressing each other.

12. These rules may be suspended, for the time being, by a vote of the Association.

13. Any member violating these Rules shall be subject to reproval by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

14. Amendments or alterations may be made to these Rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Sunflowes Association, and shall consist of churches of the Baptist denomination in regular standing.

ART. 2. Each church of this union shall be entitled to five delegates, who, on presenting their church letter certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats and all the privileges of the Association.

ART. 3. Churches of the same faith and order with this body may be admitted to membership in this Association by signifying their desire by letter and delegates.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, to be selected by a majority of the delegates present at each session. These officers, together with four other members appointed by the Moderator, shall form an Executive Committee, four of whom shall constitute a quorum who shall attend to all business during the period between the sittings of the Association.

ART. 5. This Association shall never possess any power or authority over the churches. It may advise as an Advisory Council only; yet it shall have power to withdraw fellowship from any church that is known to be in disorder, or fails to represent itself in three successive meetings.

ART. 6. The Moderator shall preside over the meetings of this Association. He shall appoint all committees, and may vote only in case of a tie.

ART. 7. The Clerk shall keep a true record of all proceedings of the Association, and be responsible for all articles and documents committed to his care.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and property of the Association and be responsible for the same, and shall not pay out any money save by order of the Association or Executive Committee, and shall report all disbursements at each Association.

ART 9. The object of this Association shall be to digest and organize an operative system of measures to promote the general interest of the Redeemer's kingdom; but in no instance shall it infringe on the independence of churches.

ART. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular sitting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Orphanage.	Sustentation.	Sunday Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Value of Pastor's Home.	Value of Church House.	Home Uses and Other Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Visiting Ministers.	Total to Credit of Churches.	Total Value of Church House and Pastor's Home.
Belen	$ 72 00	$ 41 00	$ 41 00	.....	.....	$ 12 00	$10 00	.....	$ 1,500 00	$ 177 25	$475 00	.....	$ 828 25	$ 1,500 00
Bogue Pha'a*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00
Clarksdale	31 25	50 00	48 00	.....	.....	63 00	.....	.....	4,500 00	† 630 00	650 00	$ 35 00	2607 25	4,500 00
Drew	8 00	7 75	7 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500 00	.....	300 00	.....	323 50	1,500 00
Enon	151 91	70 00	70 00	$ 60 00	$34 65	24 26	.....	$1335 95	1,500 00	501 28	480 00	108 15	1416 99	2,835 95
Ebenezer	5 00	1 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	215 85	50 00	27 10	299 80	300 00
Friar's Point*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600 00	1,800 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400 00
Gunnison	51 95	.....	43 55	.....	5 00	15 00	.....	1000 00	1 800 00	100 37	216 80	86 15	518 82	2,800 00
Jonestown	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 30	150 00	25 00	181 50	.....
Lula	47 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	45 00	.....	1,500 00	357 80	200 00	65 50	730 80	1,500 00
Lyon	30 00	23 25	.....	67 05	5 00	20 00	.....	.....	2,500 00	77 90	300 00	25 10	548 30	2 500 00
McLemore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Ridge	64 50	30 00	37 80	.....	25 00	12 96	.....	.....	800 00	6 00	225 00	.....	401 26	800 00
Refuge*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500 00
Rosedale*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,300 00
Rome	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shelby	16 50	17 50	17 50	34 00	7 75	23 50	.....	600 00	1,500 00	160 91	300 00	11 00	588 66	.....
Lambert	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	38 75	17 80	58 55	2,100 00
Totals	$483 61	$241 35	$265 60	$161 05	$77 40	$185 46	$55 00	$3535 95	$23,300 00	$3230 56	3395.55	400.80		$26,835 95

*Taken from Last Year's Minutes.

†$1,000 paid on church seats, not included in total.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastor and Post Office.	Clerk and Post Office.	Days of Meeting—Sundays.	Added by — Baptism.	Added by — Letter.	Added by — Restoration.	Lost by — Letter.	Lost by — Excluded.	Lost by — Death.	Total Membership.	For Minutes and Clerk.	Churches with Schools.	No. of Scholars.
Belen	J. R. G. Hewlet, Belen	S. D. Ware, Belen	2	....	6	....	4	....	....	48	$ 4 25	1	25
Bogue Phalia	J. S. Howard	W. J. Dean, Shaw	1	20	....	5	....	....	4	39	.....	....	....
Clarksdale†	J. E. Barnett, Clarksdale	E. J. Ferris, Clarksdale	1-2-3	1	14	....	....	....	....	27	.....	1	20
Drew‡	D. H. S. Cox, Shelby	T. T. Lewis, Drew	1	6	....	....	....	....	1	44	.....	....	....
Enon	C. H. Mize, Sumner	E. B. Smith, Sumner	1—3	14	12	....	2	....	2	142	10 00	1	65
Ebenezer	J. R. White, Murphreesb'o	Eli Hollowell, Sumner	1—3	12	10	....	1	....	3	62	1 60	1	30
Friar's Point*	.....	E. B. Quinn, Friar's Point	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	.....	1	35
Gunnison†	R. C. Blailock, Gunnison	W. J. Brashear, Gunnison	2—4	2	4	....	3	....	....	30	2 50	....	....
Jonestown	J. R. G. Hewlet, Belen	H. A. Dale, Jonestown	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	8	1 50	....	....
Lula†	C. H. Mize, Sumner	G. R. Caldwell, Lula	2	4	....	....	1	....	....	50	9 0	1	28
Lyon†	J. E. Barnett, Clarksdale	T. S. Shuford, Logan	4	1	....	....	4	....	2	33	2 50	1	20
McLemore*	.....	H. D. McLemore, McLem'e	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	.....	....	....
Oak Ridge	C. H. Mize, Sumner	J. M. Baber, Ferrill	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	6 00	1	38
Refuge*	.....	Thomas Walton, Beulah	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	32	.....	....	....
Rosedale*	R. C. Blailock, Gunnison	O. H. Williams, Rosedale	1—3	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	.....	....	....
Rome*	.....	S. B. Ferguson, Rome	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	.....	....	....
Shelby†	D. H. S. Cox, Shelby	A. P. Rose, Shelby	1—3	....	7	....	6	....	3	39	6 20	1	25
Lambert**	J. R. G. Hewlet, Belen	Mrs. Addie Rose, Lambert	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	2 00	1	26
Totals			.....	60	53	5	18		16	633	$45 55	10	312

*Taken from last year's Minutes. No messengers or letters.
†Have Ladies' Aid Societies and Woman's Mis. Unions.
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